

What Is Claimed Is:

1. A device for recognizing a pole crash, having at least one environment sensor (1) for determining an impact velocity and at least one impact sensor (2) for determining an acceleration occurring in a crash,  
a processor (4) being configured such that the processor (4) detects the pole crash on the basis of the impact velocity and the acceleration and activates restraining means (5) as a function thereof.
2. The device as recited in Claim 1,  
wherein the processor (4) is configured such that the processor (4) determines a time between the moment of impact and the moment an impact object strikes an engine block, using the impact velocity and the acceleration, the processor (4) determining the pole crash as a function of the time.
3. The device as recited in Claim 1 or 2,  
wherein the at least one environment sensor (1) is designed as a radar sensor.
4. The device as recited in Claim 1 or 2,  
wherein the at least one environment sensor (1) is designed as an ultrasonic sensor.